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HOBOS SHOT THROUGH LUNG IS RECOVERING

Tragedy Occurred Near Logan
After 12 or 14 Had
Had Been Put Off

Saturday morning a tragedy occurred near Logan when it is claimed a railroad crew shot into a bunch of hobos while they were trying to board the train and came near killing one of them. The young man was brought to Tucumcari and immediately taken to the Physicians' Hospital where he was operated upon and a 38-calibre bullet taken out of his back just below the shoulder blade. The bullet entered from the front high up on the left shoulder and took a downward course. It was feared at first that the young man could not live but present indications are that he will recover.

The preliminary trial was held at Logan Monday and the following are a few of the things which developed after the examination of ten witnesses: Brakeman Smith and Conductor Simpson were discharged as no evidence was introduced against either man.

Robert Burton and Rocio Romero, two of the bunch who were with the boy who was shot, claim they saw him fall and saw the brakeman do the shooting. They claim the whole bunch went to Logan that morning on this freight and that the brakeman made them get off at the switch near the river, the train went on up to Logan and the engine took water and then went over to a siding to wait for No. 3 to pass.

While they waited three of the hobos—Sidney Echert, Burton and Romero walked up the track passed the train and waited for it at the Doug Clark place. Eckert and Romero jumped the train but the other fellow ran along side as he said the brakeman had a pistol in his hand and told them to stay off. He claims the brakeman shot only once. When he discovered his partner was shot he called for help and Robt. Smith of Logan went up on a hand car and brought the wounded man to Logan. The shooting was done about three-fourths of a mile from Logan depot.

At the trial the two witnesses identified brakeman Steel as the man who did the shooting. Several of them testified that one shot was fired out of the door of the caboose, but they could not see who did the shooting. Sufficient evidence was introduced against C. D. Steel and he was bound over under a \$2000 bond to await the action of the grand jury.

Attorney Davidson of this place and Tatum of Delhart are handling the case for the defendant. They are competent and we know they will see that their client is given a fair and impartial trial.

It is queer to hear the many comments on the case and we think most people are too hasty in drawing conclusions. Mr. Steel claims that he is not guilty of firing the shot which hit the boy and has the appearance of being a man who is able to care for himself without the use of fire arms. Smith and Simpson claim they had no guns and knew nothing of the shooting until they reached Nara Vista.

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FATS AND LEANS WILL PLAY AN- OTHER GAME

The fats and leans are announced to meet on the base ball grounds next Tuesday and if you want to see a real good game with just about enough speed to make things interesting take a few hours off and attend. It may bring rain, but who cares so long as you can see this wonderful exhibition of the national game. A few hours will do you no harm so make arrangements to come out and see the crowd if nothing else.

FOR SALE

One first class camp outfit. One 12 x 14 three post wall tent—12 oz. duck. One Te Pe tent—10 oz. duck. These tents are as good as new and have only been used 6 weeks. Dutch ovens, camp pot/big coffee camp pot, frying pan and some other smaller articles. \$20.00 will take them all. Apply at this office.

MRS. BUTLER ENTERTAINS

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Center Street Methodist Church was delightfully entertained Thursday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. M. A. Butler. The home was artistically decorated in fancy work and made fragrant with Shasta daisies and sweet peas. Mrs. A. C. Shamblin and Miss Mionette Sandusky added largely to the pleasure of the afternoon with vocal solos. The greater part of the afternoon was spent with fancy work and discussing plans for the 'All Sen-son's Bazaar' to be given the latter part of August. Delicious refreshments of homemade ice cream and cake were served.

Those present were, Mesdames Bradley, Butler, Cooksey, Deys, Elkins, Evans, Fenton, Henson, Horne, Johnson, Kieley, Keeler, McCammon, McGlinsky, Majors, Mosley, Pelzer, Sandusky, Shamblin, Stanfill, Tompkins, Wasson, Winsted, Winters, Whitmore, White, Whittle and Wofford. Misses Brown, Currie, Horne and Sandusky.

The Society met this afternoon with Mrs. A. N. Evans at the parsonage.

THE PEOPLE'S DOINGS

West Virginia became dry at midnight, Monday night, by constitutional amendment, and over twelve hundred saloons, as well as a large number of distilleries, breweries and wholesale houses closed their doors. When the question was put to a vote in the state there was nearly one hundred thousand majority in favor of abolishing the saloon. Wherever the political bosses let the people get a whet at the saloon it is sure to go.—Lebanon Pioneer.

POLL TAX COLLECTOR GETS 14 VICTIMS

A queer case was tried before Judge McElroy Monday when fourteen of the residents of Norton neighborhood were arraigned before his honor in answer to the charge of refusing to pay poll tax or to work out same.

Most all of the men are among the best citizens of that neighborhood and were led to believe in some way that there was no road law in the state and that they were under no obligations to pay a tax or work the road when ordered to do so by the local commissioner, Mr. Whittington, and he brought suit to test the law or force them to work the road or pay the tax.

Fourteen of the strikers were served with subpoenas to appear before Justice McElroy to give cause why they had not worked the road or paid the tax. There are several more who will have to answer to the same charge as soon as they can be found. The law is plain on this subject and must be complied with, especially if you own property which might be levied upon and seized as for any other kind of taxes. The law reads in part as follows:

"That all able-bodied men in the state of New Mexico between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be required to perform labor upon the public roads and highways as herein provided, not less than two days and not more than five days of eight hours each in any one year. If not paid in labor same is to be paid in cash, if paid within ten days after said summons are issued."

Judge McElroy had only to ask three questions such as "Are you an able-bodied man?" Were you summoned to work the road?" Did you do as you were summoned?" Then he gently read the sentence in his usual stately manner and each one was let off with paying the tax and costs which amounted to \$5.95 each. All fines were paid and this is a lesson all should heed. Pay your taxes promptly and save yourselves trouble and expense because the law is plain and it must be enforced.

THE FIRST AND SECOND TEAMS WILL PLAY THE BALL GAME OF THE SEASON



QUAY COUNTY FAIR SEPT. 23, 24, 25

\$500.00 in Cash Prizes Will
Be Given to Exhibitors
—Other Attractions

It has been decided that the big Quay County Fair will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 24, 25, and 26, and the committees will soon be appointed to look after the different departments. There will be \$500.00 in cash prizes in the poultry department alone and the other departments will fare about the same. There will be prizes given for the best babies, prettiest fancy work, vegetables and other crops of all kinds, stock, and everything imaginable. Whatever you do prepare to exhibit something during the fair as the cash prizes will nearly equal that of any state fair. We hope to publish a full list in the near future and you will be sure to see how well the money has been appropriated and it nearly covers the list from a to z.

The soliciting committee will soon begin its arduous task of raising money to house the exhibits and furnish the necessary entertainment that usually accompanies an affair of this magnitude. A big carnival company is expected to be here on that date and many other attractions which will be announced later.

Mr. McElroy has been busy arranging the program and doing many other things necessary to make the fair a success. If he had all the money in this county at his command he could not make a success unless the citizens of the county lend their assistance in seeing that the line of exhibits is full and complete with everything produced in Quay county. If you have something new which is not mentioned in the premium list bring it in and show the many visitors what can be raised in this country when we have a chance.

We hope to have the new auto route from Oklahoma City to Tucumcari in good condition by that time and expect a number of people here to examine the many exhibits and invest in farm lands in every part of the country. If any community wishes to make its exhibit separate from any other part of the county, the same can be done by writing to the secretary and so stating. This will be a chance to do some good advertising for yourself and community and we know the larger districts will take advantage of the opportunity. Don't forget the date.

SEE THE BEST, IT COSTS NO MORE.

Cash paid for old gold and
silver at Blitz, the Jeweler.



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CHINA TO SPEND \$800,000 IN MARVELOUS DISPLAY AT
THE PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

TING CHI CHU, commissioner of China to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, states that China's representation at the Exposition will entail an outlay of \$800,000, of which at least \$300,000 will be expended on the Chinese pavilion, shown above. Chu is a graduate of Harvard. Mrs. Chu, as Miss Ping Hu, graduated from Wellesley college in 1913.

FARMERS AND TOWN PEOPLE BUILD ROADS

About Forty from Here and
Nearly as Many from
Vicinity of Quay

The good roads movement has finally struck Tucumcari with a vengeance and a number of her most influential citizens are now engaged in the pleasant pastime of heaving rocks and dirt, dumping scrapers and cutting weeds along the line from here to Ragland. They went out yesterday morning and most of them are still on the job. Several of the merchants sent substitutes and while it was not expected to make a pike or boulevard in two days' time the road will be made passable for autos and loads of grain from the plains country. They were met by a large delegation from the Quay neighborhood who were working this way.

It has been reported that a few loads of wheat have been brought to town and the owners were forced to take eight cents less on the bushel than they could have gotten at Melrose. To satisfy ourselves we have made a few inquiries and find the following firms in the market for wheat and will pay the highest market price for same. The local stores can handle several loads and Goldenberg's will guarantee to buy all No. 2 wheat that is brought in and this week have paid as high as 70c per bushel.

We were not satisfied with asking them what they were paying but they guarantee to pay this price as long as any other place in this territory. The railroad has made a special rate to El Paso and Tucumcari is in position to pay as much as any other town in this part of the state. When you come to town and do not find the market as the News has represented we would like for you to call and report same as these prices have been guaranteed by firms we have always found to be reliable. The town and county cannot afford to countenance an unreliable firm and as soon as we find one to be so we should pass it by and not consider it in the bidding.

The roads east and west of town are in pretty fair shape but will be made better as soon as the new gasoline tractor is received. This engine is guaranteed to pull the grader anywhere and it is thought about two miles of road can be put in good condition each day. There has been considerable travel west as far as Las Vegas and the road is said to be in good shape all the way with the exception of about four miles near Montoya.

The new markers are being sent out to the different towns and each community along the route and they will

soon be put in place to guide the many travelers along the line. It might be stated that we are now beginning to get our share of the tourists, there being eleven foreign cars here Friday and ten Saturday with an average of eight or nine each day. Tucumcari is making an extra effort to show these tourists every possible courtesy and will soon establish a free information bureau for the convenience of the traveling public. Now that Mr. Westgard has seen fit to recommend this as the best summer route and knowing that most of the traveling is done in the summer we should get busy and spend thousands of dollars to put the roads in the best possible condition as this means more to Tucumcari and Quay county than any railroad which might be induced to reverse it. Nothing but surprise at the cheap prices of land, the excellent climatic conditions and praise for the wonderful crop outlook is heard from all sides and Quay county will be filled with homeseekers this fall who are here to buy and not merely to look around. You don't hear many of our present citizens say much about giving their land away now and they are satisfied there are worse places than New Mexico.

It is said that the road between here and Grady is a sight worth seeing and while beautiful to the eye it shows prosperity is not far off for this part of the country.

Good roads do more for a country than any one other thing and everybody is directly benefited. If you own an auto you must have good roads; if you drive a team you save horse flesh and can draw larger loads; and if you walk you certainly need good roads. They make your farm worth more and help sell it. They make it a pleasure to take your produce to market, and there are a thousand and one other direct benefits to be derived from good roads.

CITY MARSHAL AND JUSTICE M'ELROY HAVE BUSY DAY

City Marshal Groves had three vagrants before Judge McElroy Monday. One claimed he was from Dawson and the other two were from El Paso. They were looking for work and were just passing through the city when he caught them. The city marshal and he took pity on them and furnished them with free lodging and the next morning Judge McElroy opened his tender heart and gave them ten days of labor with the free board attachment which he said he hoped would satisfy their wants in this town and leave a lasting remembrance of the hospitality of the police court so that they might tell their many friends who seem to be passing this way just now.

Right here we pause to state that many times we have heard of men being especially fitted to perform a certain duty and we wish to say that Tucumcari nor no other town ever had an official as well fitted for a certain position as Judge McElroy is for the office he now holds. He not only looks after the interests of the city but he has the power to look into the very nature of the person being tried and if he thinks them deserving the full penalty he so puts it that way, but if he thinks it a losing proposition to hold a prisoner he turns him loose with instructions to shake the dust of the city off his feet and make tracks out of the city limits.

There are a few men who could make friends while holding this position, but we will venture the assertion that if it was put up to the citizens of Tucumcari to vote on he would come very near receiving the unanimous vote. He is not very much of a respecter of persons and anyone who goes before him may expect to get his just dues.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP BALL GAME WILL BE PLAYED SUN- DAY AFTERNOON AT 3:30



AUSTRIANS BOMBARD SERVIAN CAPITAL

Attacking Army Ready Min-
ute War is Declared and
Opens the Battle

St. Petersburg, Russia, July 29.—A dispatch from Belgrade says the Serbian capital has been bombarded and the river blown up.

This quick action on the part of the Austrian troops indicates the thorough preparedness of the Austrians for the way which that country declared on yesterday. The army was mobilized upon the frontier, ready to strike immediately the word was given. The declaration of war came yesterday, and, if reports are correct the attack opened today.

London Eng., July 29.—Reports of the massing of armies in strategic portions came in from all points of Europe today. Diplomats concentrated their attention on efforts to confine the war to Austria-Hungary and Serbia, the two nations immediately concerned in the quarrel, and the attitude of the German and Russian emperors was closely watched, owing to their near relations to the countries engaged.

Premier Asquith referred to the international situation in the house of commons, but all the information he was able to impart was contained in a few words.

"The situation at this moment," he said, "is one of extreme gravity and I can only say that the British government is not relaxing its efforts to do everything in its power to circumscribe the area of conflict."

"The British government has received no information as to an alleged revolutionary outbreak in Russian Poland."

Austria-Hungary and Serbia resumed today with the march of troops towards positions of attack and defense, while military aviators on despatches fitted through the air along the frontiers in an effort to discover their opponents' positions.

The present mobilization order affects only the Russian frontier contiguous to Austria and not the German frontier. It is confined to the military districts of Kiev, Odessa, Moscow and Kazan. The police forcing of each of these districts is four army corps, each numbering 40,000 men, or a total of 640,000 men. The command to mobilize doubles this total, so that 1,280,000 men are affected by the order.

Vienna, Austria, July 29.—Germany and Italy are still trying to localize the war between Austria-Hungary and Serbia. Efforts of all European diplomats are being directed toward the same end.

The republican county convention is in session at the court house this afternoon and the credentials committee has just been selected and the machinery is now in motion and the state delegate will soon be chosen.

AUTO LINE FROM TUCUMCARI TO CLOVIS

The auto mail and passenger route now runs through to Grady every day. Mr. Adair leaves Tucumcari at seven in the morning and is supposed to arrive at Grady at noon but he has been making the trip in less time. He leaves Grady at one and arrives in Tucumcari at six.

The schedule of auto line from Clovis is practically the same and we now have a direct line from Tucumcari to that city making it possible to ride to Clovis and return for a nominal sum in two days. As soon as this fact becomes known this line will be used regularly by the traveling men as well as others who wish to go from one town to the other without the unnecessary delay as was formerly the case when we had to go several hundred miles out of the way when we desired to travel by rail. Mr. Adair has a fine Overland car and understands driving it, so the public may rest assured that a pleasant trip is in store for all who choose to make this trip.